

Information for Travelers and Residents
Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

December 2, 2010

Criminal Activity in Belize City

On the evening of December 1, 2010, two men were murdered during an armed robbery attempt at the Texaco Gas Station at Mile 1 ½ on the Northern Highway in Belize City. There is no current information available to suggest that the alleged perpetrators were attempting to target individuals or tourists of any specific nationality and the victims appear to have been targets of opportunity. Travelers and residents are reminded to exercise caution when in unfamiliar areas, and are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings, as well as ensuring doors and windows are locked in their homes, hotel rooms, and cars. Purses, bags, wallets, and other valuables should be kept secure whether in public, in hotel rooms, or in a home.

Consequently, travelers and residents are once again reminded that the frequency of crime, especially property crimes such as thefts, burglaries and robberies, increases in Belize as the holiday season progresses. Travelers or residents are reminded to exercise an appropriate level of vigilance and caution in all their activities during the holidays. For those traveling to Belize City, it is **strongly** recommended that you maintain a high level of situational awareness and exercise prudent personal security measures appropriate for your circumstances.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or, for inquirers in other areas, by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Americans living in or traveling to Belize are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website at:

<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

By registering Americans Citizens can obtain updated information on travel and security within Belize, and make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy.

The U.S. Embassy is located at #4 Floral Park Road, Belmopan City, Belize; Tel: 501-822-4011 8:00am to 5:00pm—or for emergencies after hours, weekends, and holidays at 501-610-5030, Fax: 501-822-4050; E-mail: ACSBelize@state.gov; Website: <https://Belize.usembassy.state.gov>.